GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
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BASIC AMENITIES IN SCHOOLS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the amount allocated for the construction/ renovation of toilets in the schools during the last three years and the current year, State-wise and year-wise;

(b) the details of the status of such construction works especially in the girls schools in the country, State-wise;

(c) whether the girl students especially in the rural areas, leave their studies due to lack of such amenities in the schools; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the action plan chalked out by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) Central funds under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) & Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) are released to the States/Union Territories for implementation of interventions approved under the Annual Work Plan and Budget (AWP&B) of that State. The State Governments further disburse funds to the districts for specific activities including construction of toilets. A State-wise statement on central share of funds released during the last three years and the current year under SSA and RMSA is at Annexure-I.

(b) Provision of toilets helps retain girls in schools and also helps to build good hygienic habits. All new school buildings are sanctioned as composite buildings with toilets for girls and boys and funds are also provided for existing urban schools which do not have toilets. In existing rural schools / lacking toilets, such facilities are provided in convergence with the schemes of the Ministry of Drinking Water & Sanitation. At elementary level a total of 9.18 lakh toilets have been sanctioned of which 5 lakh are girls` toilets till date. Similarly at Secondary level 19510 toilets blocks have been sanctioned till date. State-wise details are at Annexure-II.

(c) & (d) From data available in the District Information System for Education (DISE) 2013-14 it is clear that share of girls' enrolment at primary and upper primary level has risen from 43.7% and 40.9% in 2000-01 to 48.20% and 48.66% in 2013-14 which is in consonance with their share in population. Opening of schools in the neighbourhood has improved the access of girls to schools, and provisions interalia, of free textbooks, free uniforms, separate toilets for girls, the Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas, and the Mid Day Meal programme have further encouraged participation of girls in education.